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In Re U.S. Patent Application)

Applicant: Shimizu et al.)

Serial No. 09/813,692)

Filed: March 21, 2001)

For: MAGNETORESISTIVE FILM)
HAVING NON-MAGNETIC)
SPACER LAYER OF REDUCED)
THICKNESS)

Art Unit: 1773)

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Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

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Total Claims	9	20	=	x \$18.00	= \$
Independent Claims	2	3	=	x \$84.00	= \$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	= \$
Total Additional Fee					\$
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 0

(X) Amendment B.

(X) Petition for Extension of Time with a check for \$110.00

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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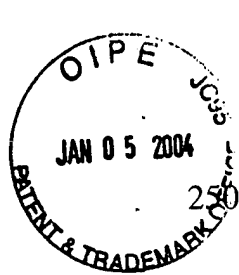
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 5, 2003, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified Application:

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